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Mr Foster Dulles' new found confidence in the eventual unification of Western Europe is a matter for satisfaction. That the American Secretary of State is able to render favourable report on his tour of the countries which have signed the European Defence Community treaty also illustrates the value of an on-the-spot investigation to correct preconceptions. Before he and Mr Stassen left the United States for Europe, Mr Dulles gave the impression that he was going to wield the big stick in order to bring the EDC signatories to a full sense of their responsibilities. But the indications are that Mr Dulles discovered there was little real cause for chastisement. Ratification of such a far-reaching institutional treaty as the EDC cannot be expected quickly. Federation may be the most obvious action in the eyes of Americans, but it is not such a simple undertaking for nations whose traditions have for so long been based on sovereign independence, whose languages differ, and whose constitutions vary. That it has been possible to agree to establish a defence community, and to create an economic partnership such as the coal and steel pool community, represent developments of profound importance.

Mr Dulles now believes that the European Defence treaty will be ratified by its six signatories. But if this does not transpire immediately he and American public opinion must not become impatient. Strong and quite genuine prejudices remain against the proposed European Army—particularly in France. The opposition cannot be brushed aside as being something illogical or inconsequential. And it can probably only be won over if the United States Administration makes it clear that while the European countries are prepared to offer a maximum contribution towards unification, America is willing to continue to render the fullest possible assistance. It may be taken for granted this point was given due emphasis by the EDC signatories during discussions with Mr Dulles, and that he, himself, is not unaware of the necessity for the quid pro quo.

RUSSIAN LEGATION WRECKED

BY BOMB

Several Officials Gravely Injured NIGHT OUTRAGE IN TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv, Feb. 9.

The wife of the Soviet Minister to Israel, Madame Pavel Ershov, was among several Soviet citizens taken to hospital here tonight when a bomb exploded in the Soviet Legation here and completely wrecked the building.

At least four officials of the Legation were said to have been gravely hurt, but Legation officials prevented Israeli police from entering the wreckage of the building in order to remove the injured. As a result ambulance crews had to wait outside.

Damage inside the Legation was said to be considerable and unconfirmed reports said that the explosion—probably instigated by former Jewish terrorists—was caused by a bomb of great explosive power that had been placed in position through a hole bored in the wall of the Legation. It was believed to have been touched off from outside by an electrically-controlled detonator.

The explosion was understood to have completely wrecked two rooms in the Legation.

In addition to Madame Ershov, who it is said to be progressing, the known casualties were another woman, a member of the Legation staff and the Legation's chauffeur.

The outrage followed a violent anti-Soviet outcry throughout the whole country as a result of the "Jewish Doctors' Plot" announced by the Russians in January.

Many injured persons were believed to have been trapped in the debris of the wrecked Legation building.

Three ambulances were rushed to the scene as soon as the outrage had been reported.

The four seriously injured officials were removed to hospital. Police forbade the hospital authorities to reveal any details as to their identity.

Former groups of terrorists, who operated against the British during the mandate in Palestine, have recently been sending threatening messages to the Soviet Legation, which, it was understood, had not taken them seriously.

An official of the Legation would only say that there had been a violent explosion and that the damage was serious. He refused to give any more information.—France Presse.

Home-made Bomb Explodes In Prison

Washington, Feb. 9.

A home-made bomb exploded in the Administration building of the Washington State prison just before noon today.

Two men were injured critically and several others slightly.

The bomb, contained in a six-ounce medicine bottle, was found earlier today in a cell and taken to where it was being examined when it exploded.

Names of the men who made the bomb were believed to be known.—Reuter.

Ironic Retort By Churchill

London, Feb. 9.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill glibbed at Russia in the House of Commons today over the recent arrest of nine Soviet doctors accused of murdering Soviet leaders.

Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Labour Defence Minister, had accused him of "running away as fast as his legs would carry him" from a meeting with Marshal Stalin and President Eisenhower.

Mr Churchill said: "We must try to understand the general position as it moves."

"I think we in this country would feel very severe domestic preoccupations making it difficult to have conversations with heads of governments if for instance so many of our best doctors were being charged with poisoning so many of our best politicians."

NOT ENCOURAGED

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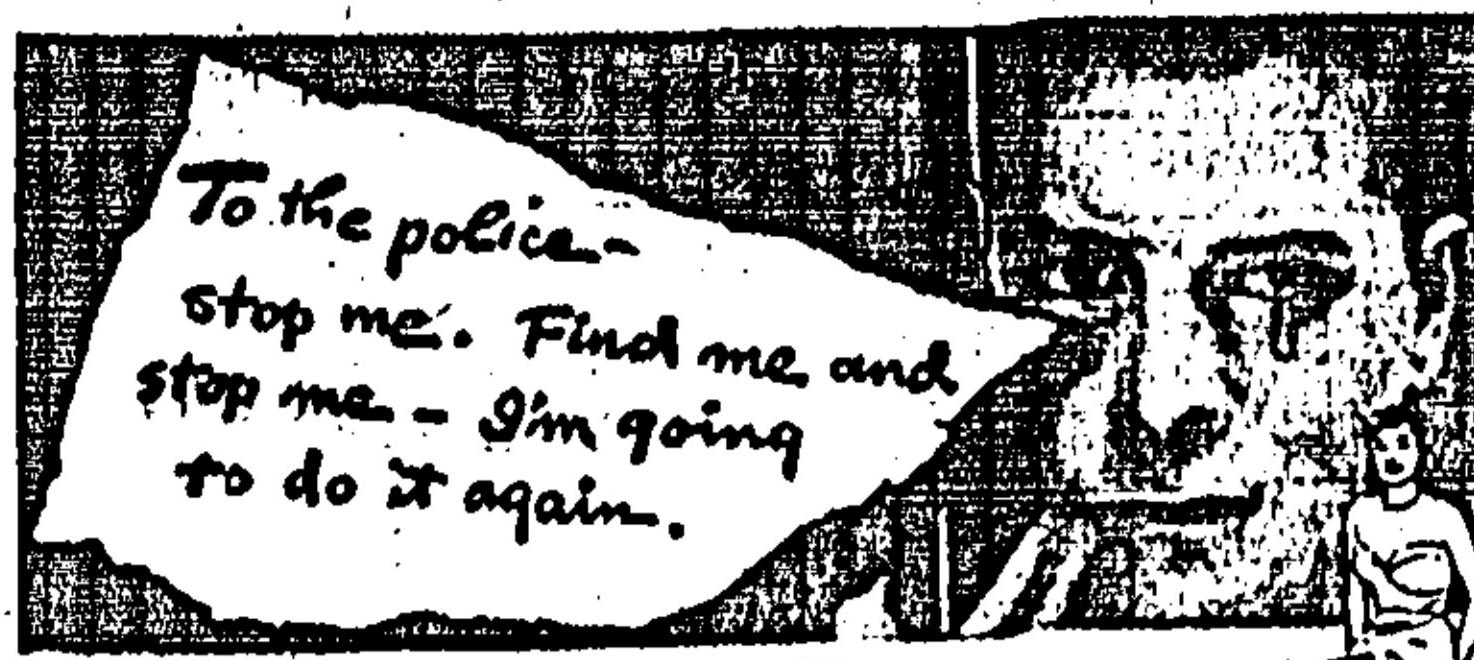
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Britain Opposes U.S. On Yalta Pact Repudiation Would Set A Bad Precedent

London, Feb. 9. — The United States has told Britain it favours scrapping the secret wartime pact ceding Japan's Kurile Islands and South Sakhalin to Russia, informed officials said today.

Britain is reported to be against the move although ready to admit the status of two islands in the Kurile group is "doubtful". The two islands under Russian occupation are Shikotan and Habbomai.

In response to a British inquiry during the conference last week, the American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, made his Government's view known. He explained that President Eisenhower was referring indirectly to a part of the Yalta Agreement when he said in his State of the Union speech on February 2 that the U.S. would not recognise secret understandings permitting the "enslavement" of any peoples.

A section of the Yalta pact kept secret at the time promised that Russia would get back the Kuriles and South Sakhalin when peace was made with Japan. Russia occupied the islands at the end of the war. They belonged to Russia before the Japanese-Russian War at the turn of the century.

The view of the Foreign Office is that the intended American act of repudiation is academic at this time.

For one thing, the informants said, Russia controls the islands in fact and in law, (de facto and de jure).

BAD PRECEDENT

For another thing, any one-sided repudiation of an international agreement by a major Western power would establish a bad precedent which the Russians could easily emulate in the case, say, of Berlin.

The informants said Britain considered the position of Shikotan and Habbomai Islands to be doubtful because it is not clear whether they belong to the Kurile group. They are shown on some maps to be within the group. On others they are shown outside the group.

The Foreign Office refused to comment today on Tokyo reports saying the U.S. is "favourably" considering a Japanese request for the non-military administration of Okinawa, and the Bonin and other islands in the Pacific under American occupation.

Officials presumed Britain would be consulted if the Japanese request involved an amendment to the peace treaty.—Associated Press.

17 WOMEN BRUTALLY MURDERED

Hanover, Feb. 9. — West German Police have founded a special commission to investigate 17 brutal killings of women along West Germany's super-highway—the "Autobahn."

The Police thought last November that the murderer was caught when they arrested 32-year-old Bernhard Prigan at Mannheim on November 17. Prigan, an evidence showed and he later admitted, had brutally killed at least three girls and women along the Autobahn. The Police officially described him as a "sex maniac."

But while the Police were still busy trying to collect evidence to prove that Prigan was also responsible for more than a dozen similar killings, another woman was brutally murdered only a few feet away from the super-highway.

The Police said that special investigators would work from Mannheim in south-west Germany, to intensify the hunt for "Killer No. 2". He is believed to be still at large somewhere on West Germany's highways.—United Press.

Supping With Fairly Long Spoons

London, Feb. 9. — The Manchester Guardian suggested today that Joseph Stalin received the new Argentine Ambassador for an interview in Moscow because Russia sees President Juan Peron as a "potential useful ally" against the United States.

The Ambassador, Leopoldo Bravio, saw Stalin on Saturday. He was the first foreign envoy to have a personal interview since Louis Jouy of France did so last August.

The Manchester Guardian commented:

"The language of President Peron's propaganda, not only in his own country but throughout Latin America, runs to denunciations of 'American imperialism' and 'exploitation' by the agents of Wall Street' which are not unlike Moscow's daily output."

"The President, as the leading advocate of economic nationalism in that continent, may look to the Soviet government like a potentially useful ally."

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U.S. Ambassador Gets Knuckle Rap In Washington

GLOOMY COMMENT ON PERSIA OUTLOOK

Washington, Feb. 9. The State Department today dissociated itself from a letter sent by Mr J. Rives Childs, retiring United States Ambassador to Ethiopia, that partition of Persia might be inevitable.

Mr Childs, for many years a State Department specialist on Near East affairs, said the United States faced the alternative of seeing the Russians take over all of Persia or "if we are sufficiently farsighted" only the northern half.

The statement was made in a letter to Mr Henry Byrd, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs.

A State Department spokesman said today the views in Mr Childs'

HUNGARY REJECTS U.S. NOTE

Budapest, Feb. 9. Communist Hungary today rejected a United States demand for the return of a U.S. C-47 transport plane forced down by Soviet planes over Hungary in 1951 and said it would return the plane only on payment of \$123,707.

In a Note to the United States Legation, the Government turned down, on grounds of "lack of legal basis", the American demand for the plane or a sum of money equal to its value.

The United States Note was sent on January 30.

The Hungarian Note alleged: "The four American fliers used the plane for criminal acts. This was admitted by the fliers themselves and proved by the fact that they did not appeal against the verdict although they were given the right."

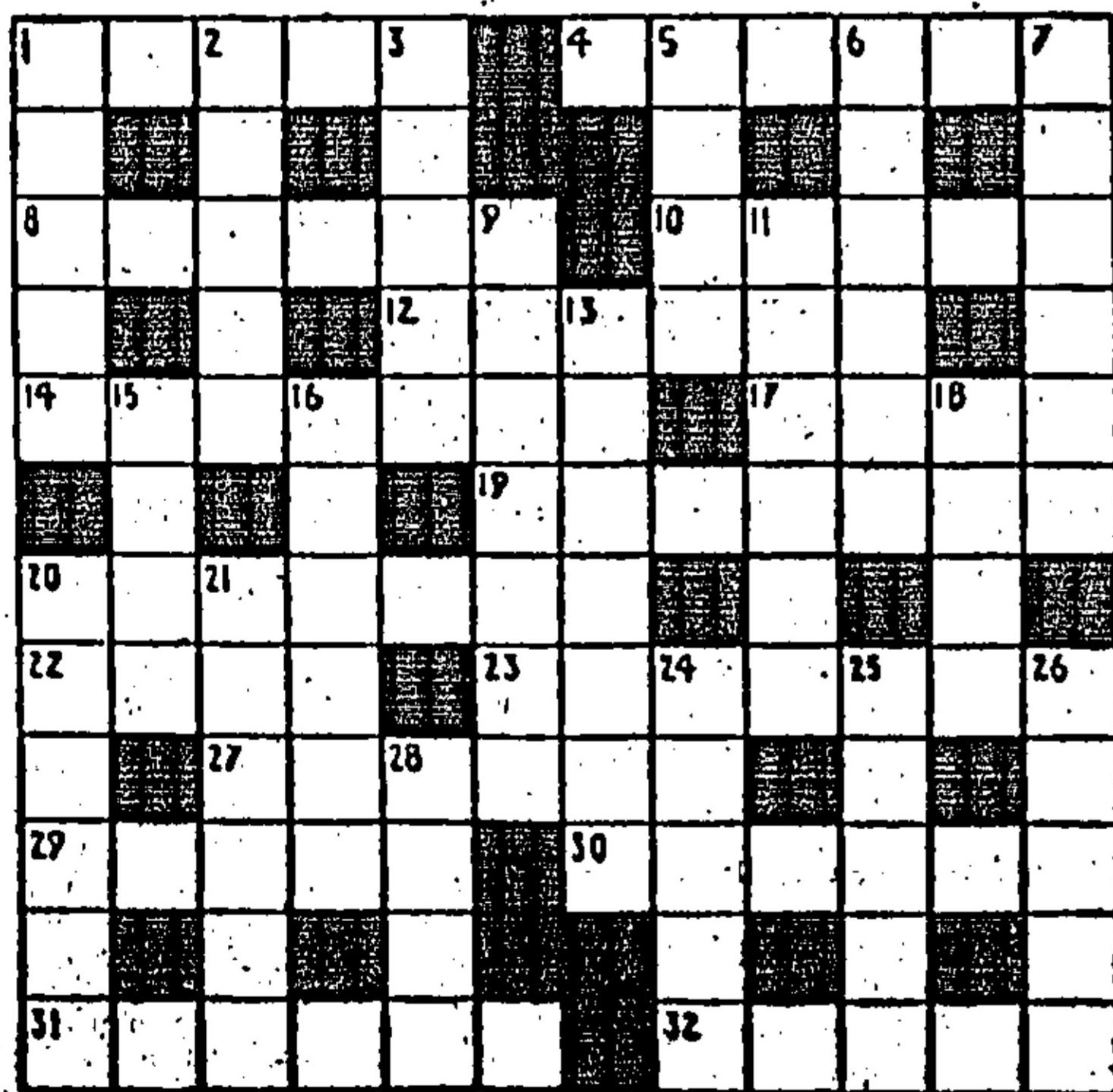
The four American airmen were convicted by a Hungarian military court of "deliberately violating" the Hungarian border on November 19, 1951. They were sentenced to three months' imprisonment each or fines totalling \$123,400.

The fines were paid by the United States and the men were released after 40 days in custody.

Soviet fighter planes had forced the unarmed cargo plane to land at an airport in Communist Hungary after the transport lost its way while enroute to Yugoslavia from Germany.

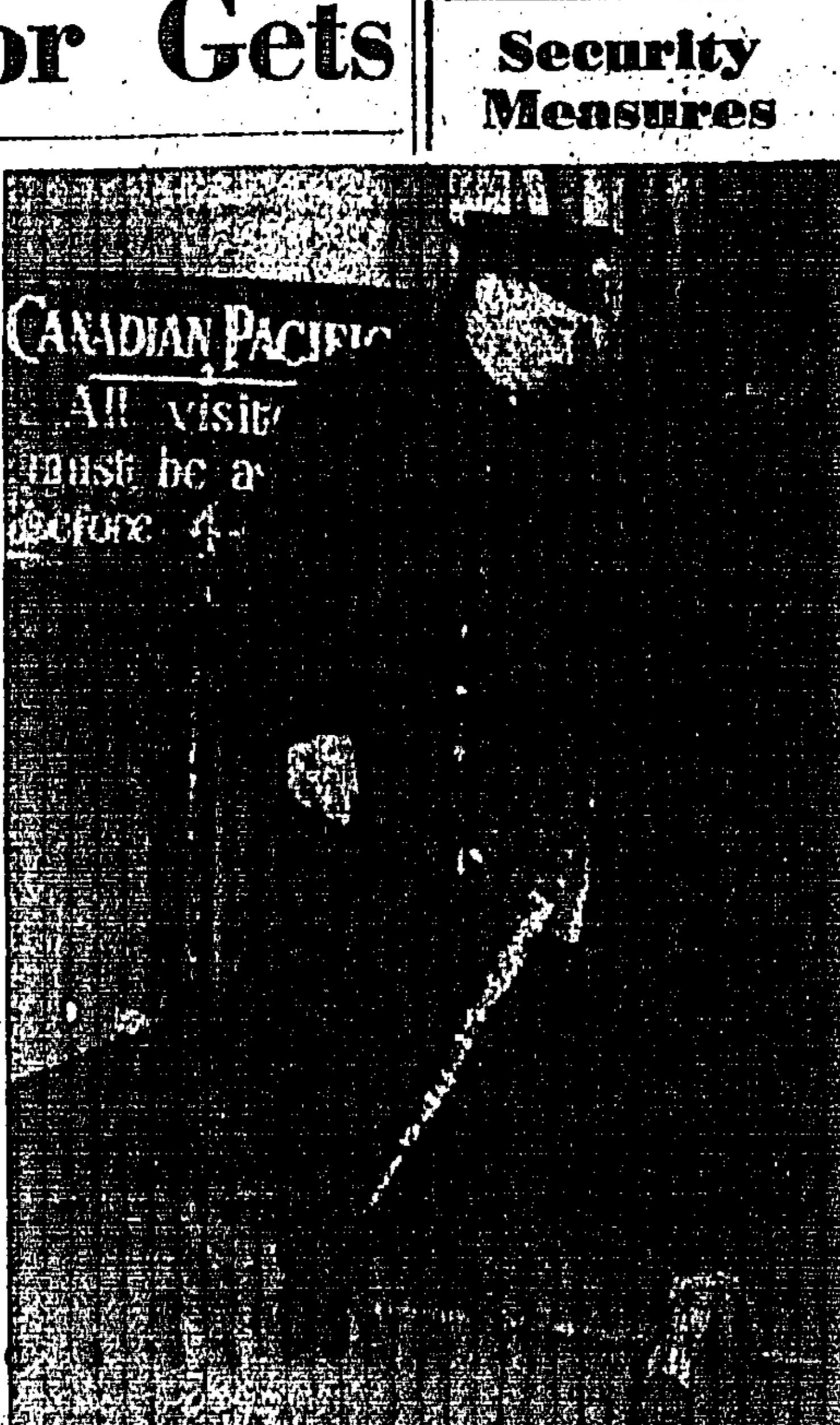
Payment of the fines for the release of the fliers was acknowledged in Western capitals as ransom.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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 - Tactfully.
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DUAL DISASTERS STUN BRITAIN

London. Britain is still stunned by the dual disasters—the loss of the Princess Victoria in the Irish sea and the havoc in Eastern coastal areas—resulting from the recent violent gales.

These stark tragedies took a heavy toll of human life.

Unhappily, this century has been studded with incidents where flooding has brought great suffering. In its opening year, 1900, two hundred people were drowned in Japan. The year afterwards, China's Yangtze River overflowed with appalling loss of life.

In 1920, America's "Mighty Mo"—the Mississippi—burst its banks, drowning 150 people and rendering 150,000 more homeless.

In 1934 India's sacred River Ganges engulfed fifty entire villages.

And thirteen years later, the world experienced one of

the worst flood years in recent history. America, Japan, Turkey and India all encountered disasters—both Japan and Turkey reporting death rolls running into thousands while Britain had a 30-county calamity that led to the Government instituting a £1,000,000 distress fund.

The latest catastrophe, however, is the worst sea-flood Britain has suffered for over a hundred years.

The incredible damage that tons upon tons of wind-driven seawater can do when it smashes with battering-ram force upon brick, cement and steel must be seen to be believed.

In the autumn of 1948, for instance, some 30 oil companies had just completed the first batch of steel "island" platforms for underwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. And that same autumn, an abnormally severe hurricane blew up.

The platforms, fashioned from massive steel girders and plates, looked as safe and solid as the most robust pier. They had been designed to weather to withstand exposure to hurricanes. Yet, when the fifty-foot waves of the Gulf hammered against them, while a 120-mile-an-hour wind wrenches at their bolts, thick steel struts and sheets were ripped loose as though they were made of plywood and canvas. Several of the platforms disappeared without trace.

Fortunately, owing to the speed with which the oil meteorological teams had flashed warning of the hurricane's approach, no lives were added to the material loss. The oil men rebuilt their damaged platforms and resumed their difficult task.

But recent experience shows the frailty of man's works when they are exposed to the full force of the elements. Everyone who depends for security upon some sea wall knows this only too well. They also know, as now the whole nation follows, the terrible consequences that follow when the sea wall crumples and the ocean has its way.

Ugly Riots In Guatemala

Guatemala City, Feb. 9. Shooting broke out here at 7.30 tonight between demonstrating students, police and Communists.

The number of killed and wounded is not immediately available as firing continues.

First reports indicate that at least 25 people have been wounded and 15 to 20 killed.—Reuter.

Drug Trafficker Sent To Prison

Stuttgart, Feb. 9. Ben Amor Abderazac of Tunisia was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by a United States court here today for running a narcotics ring which sold drugs, mostly marijuanna, to American servicemen.

Two years of the sentence were suspended.

Three other members of the ring are awaiting sentence.—Reuter.

Lifeboat Capsizes: Five Drowned

Fraserburgh, Scotland, Feb. 9. A Fraserburgh lifeboat capsized in heavy seas this afternoon with the loss of five of six crew.

The lifeboat had gone out to stand by fishing boats off shore.—Reuter.

With these hands

SECOND DAY OF
THIS CROWNING YEAR

With these hands now folded in repose—drawn by ROBB with the co-operation of Lambeth Palace—the Archbishop of Canterbury will crown Elizabeth as Queen on June 2...

On his right hand the archbishop, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, wears an Episcopal ring.

This ring he must wear "perpetually" as a badge of his holy office.

It is set with an egg-shaped amethyst, is engraved with the arms of the See of Canterbury.

As the archbishop raises aloft the Crown his ring will catch the light, as the rings of his predecessors down the centuries have caught the Coronation glitter.

Every bishop and archbishop has an Episcopal ring which he wears for the first time when he is consecrated bishop. Usually friends or relations give it to him in commemoration.

Dr Fisher first wore one when he was consecrated Bishop of Chester in 1932.



He was 57 when he became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1946—the youngest archbishop of modern times.

But he will not be the youngest archbishop to crown the Sovereign this century. Dr Randall Thomas, Davidson, the Archbishop of Canterbury who crowned King George V was only 68.

Dr Fisher will be 66 the month before the crowning.

No sooner has the Queen

taken her seat on entering than she moves to four corners of the "theatre" or

sacrament of the Holy Communion. After

the Epistle ("Love to teach and govern thy brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the Queen") and the

Consecration or Sacring of the Sovereign,

The Accession to the Throne is a legal and constitutional act. The

Coronation is through and

through religious. It takes

place within the majestic setting of the Church's

highest act of worship.

Acclamations will ring out as the archbishop repeats four times: "Sirs, I

present unto you Queen

Elizabeth, your undoubted

Queen." The trumpets will sound.

Here, for a time, the

Holy Communion stops. As

the Queen kneels, the choir

sings softly: "Come Holy

Ghost, our souls in-

spire...."

The solmen, central act of

"Sacring" is beginning.

The archbishop takes a

solid gold model of an eagle,

nine inches high: the Am-

pulla. In it is oil that has

already been blessed. "O

Lord, Holy Father, who by

anointing with oil didst of

old make and consecrate

the Queen," the trumpets will sound.

Now the atmosphere

changes. We might be

back in any village church,

as the archbishop begins



...the Queen's hands

studded with rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds, and a single large amethyst, symbolizes the earth dominated by the authority of Christ. This is put into the Queen's hands then carried to the Altar.

On the fourth night of her reign, hand the archbishop places the Wedding Ring of England, a sapphire set in diamonds with the Cross of St. George set in rubies. Thus is she united with her Peoples and they with her in the responsibilities now laid upon her.

"Receive this Ring," says the archbishop, "the sign of queenly dignity, and of defence of the Catholic Faith," to which in the creed she has assented.

The most ancient of all the symbols of royalty are the two sceptres now placed in her gloved hands. Each is surmounted by a symbol of the Christian faith. A cross on one stands for love that fulfills itself in sacrifice. The figure of a dove on the other symbolizes the Holy Spirit. In Whose strength alone kings may rule.

The Crown

ON the High Altar is the Crown of St. Edward. As the other bishops move down to the Queen, the dean brings the Crown, resting on a purple cushion. The archbishop lifts it. Firmly he places it upon the head of the Queen.

All around her, like so many stars in a silent sea, there is silent movement as peers assume their coronets, the barons their caps, and the kings-of-arms their crowns. The Abbey bursts into music from end to end.

At a signal from the roof of the Abbey, the guns in the Tower re-echo to those in St. James's Park. Fanfares are blown in the Abbey and its bells ring out to the crowds outside.

The Dean of Westminster invests the Queen with three priestly vestments—a long white linen garment (the Colobium Sindonis), the Supertunica, and the Girdle.

The Queen has been consecrated to her great office. The sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit have been given.

We are now carried back to the days of knighthood and ancient chivalry as the Golden Spurs are brought for the Queen to touch. A sword, first placed upon the Altar, is carried to the Queen, thus symbolizing that for her power of life and death she is responsible to God.

A stole is placed round her neck, for she is "yoke-followed" with Christ in the carrying out of her responsibilities. Golden eagles are woven into the material which makes the Imperial Mantle, now placed around her shoulders. It is four-square to suggest the four quarters of the world, all subject to the sovereignty of Christ.

The King of Kings is one with the young Queen; "Thy Will be done," she says, as she presents herself "her soul and body to a living sacrifice."

And the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II has taken place.

SASSENACHES FALL FOR HAGGIS

By J. W. Taylor

London, Feb. 8. The Sassenachs are cashing in on a haggis boom. Not only Scottish but housewives in all parts of south of the Border have been quick to notice that for the first time since the war REAL haggis is being produced in quantity.

This has been reflected in recent Burns' Night celebrations. One Northeast firm of bakers have reported that their recent production of haggis was several tons above normal, and that though they have a fair stock still of the necessary ingredients, they could do with more to meet orders still coming in.

A leading Aberdeen butcher, who has kept to the old recipe of sheep's liver, heart and lungs, with meat and onion, complains that much of the mutton he receives for his production of haggis is frozen, with all the fat removed before it is shipped to this country. His production is restricted only by the shortage of sheep "pluck."

Among his late Old Year orders was one from a Scot in London who had been away for Christmas, and sent on an order for Burns' Night after surviving a bad attack of the "flu." The Scot, who had been ill for months, had been advised to eat haggis to help him get well again.

Says one large purveyor of it: "People have been quick to notice that haggis today is the 20th Burns' supper."

MURDER OR THE SACK

New York.

EX-STEVEDORE Dominick Genova startled the State Crime Commission.

On oath, he said he lost his New York dock job for refusing to murder a milk roundman for his foreman, ex-convict John Applegate.

The milk roundman had slashed "Apple" in a bar-room brawl. He had to go to hospital for plastic surgery. Later, someone else machine-gunned the milk roundman in West 47th Street.

And Genova said he was being driven to his own execution when the driver relented, let him out of the car and told him to vanish.

After he gave this testimony, Genova vanished again this time through the courtroom side door, surrounded by police.

Sitting in the courtroom waiting to testify were bosses of Genova's old stevedore union Local 334. Some are ex-convicts. They are accused of running the union at the pistol point.

Local 334 controls work on Cunard's piers.

The newspapers say Genova will get his reward: suspension of a \$100-a-day fine imposed for assault.

AMERICA COLUMN

from

NEWELL ROGERS

They think he may not be free long—alive, that is. He turned against the underworld, and the underworld will want vengeance.

BRITAIN'S Mary Manning is dead, at 77. At the turn of the century she was a great Broadway and West End star.

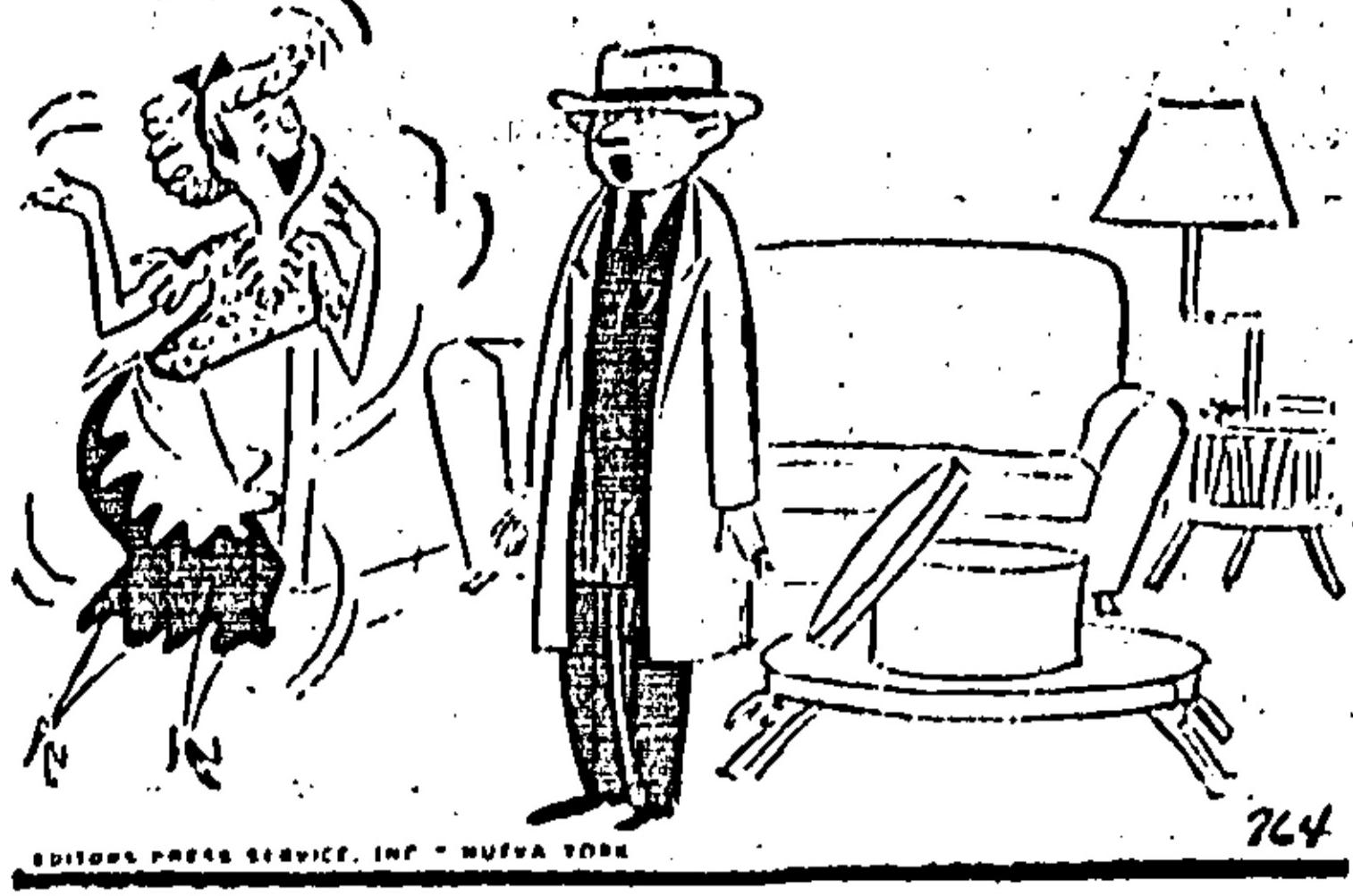
David producer David Bolasco, years after her marriage to actor James K. Flanagan, a matinee idol of the day: "She had a marvellous beauty—dignified and queenly. She was unapproachable to those unable to penetrate her beautiful austerity."

"Not many months ago I came here with, among other things, a slightly hostile curiosity about the meaning of this royalty business," he writes.

"Not without surprise, I found in myself the same affectionate respect for the Queen and at the same time an understanding of the English, perhaps the British, and what they value and will work for."

DOCTORS are using TV sets in their offices in place of the old dog-eared magazines to keep waiting patients patient.

TO London and U.S. embassies and consulates in 30



"It's just that you're not used to seeing me wear a hat!"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

IN the opinion of Professor Whitemore of Walsall the portion of Shout known as the Huddersfield Man is the left nostril of a pre-Cambrian fossilized horse, preserved in the peaty soil of Huddersfield. It is a marine nostril, for at that period the polypodophytes, the solenites, and the cephalopoda roamed the waste of waters where Huddersfield now stands. The marine horse was perhaps up to the fetlocks, and include about them. It was both curious and eroded, and at the end of the Silurian period became amphibious and developed webbed hoofs with retractile heel-toes. It is probably a link between the first of the diplopods and the first of the cephalopods. Not that I care.

Tra-la-la!

THIS gave suggestion that UNESCO should nominate him to a kind of wreath for which the nose should be called PUNUSOCICHL or Toto to its friends. And they might add that they probably would open their eyes wide on up-to-date version of Corneille's "Rodogune" in Bulgarian. As Mrs Lopatek said at the PEN Conference at San Sebastian: "We are people, individuals, and know no frontiers."

A missed opportunity

THERE is no doubt that we are in a musical nation. Not for a long time have I had so many

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

BORN today, you have a retiring nature and must learn to cultivate self-confidence, even aggression, if you have a natural gift which makes you a very pleasant person to have around. You are not lacking in your humour, but jolly and gay, and the kind of sort of trouble which you can never laugh off trouble—which disappears.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If something is told you in confidence, be sure to keep it secret. Don't permit yourself to gossip.

PINCESS (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—You are not to be trusted today. Better give any second thought to a second thought right now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Although you have to stick closely to routine, try to give your regular job a "new look" by instituting some innovation.

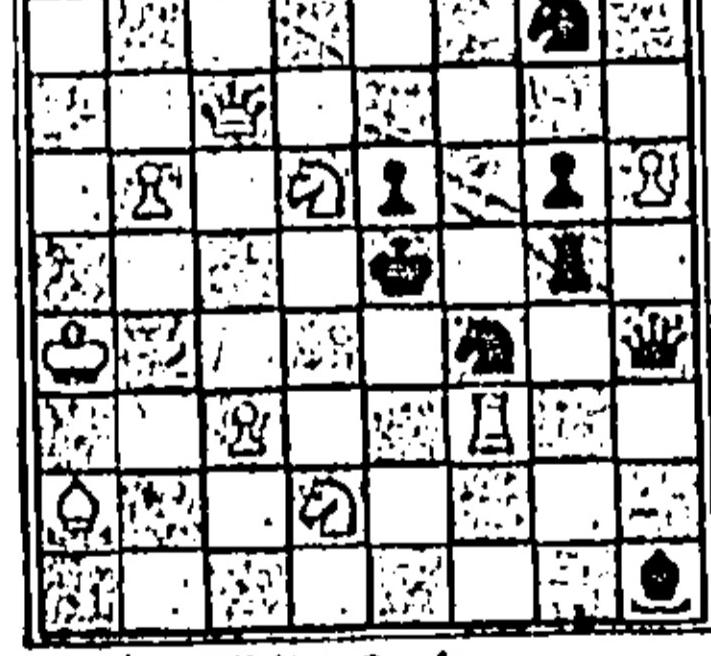
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 19)—If you know a certain subject is like a red rag to a bull—just avoid mentioning it at least for today.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Don't let your mind creep into your work. It is very important that you be more exacting in all detail.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. VOLKMANN

Black, 3 pieces.



White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kf1-Q1, any; 2. Q, R, B, or Kt, mates.

DUMB-BELLS

HERE ARE SOME OF THOSE PICTURES MEAN THAT ARE DONE BY SCRATCHING!



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Count All Discards To Avoid Swindles

By OSWALD JACOBY

"I MADE a very stupid mistake in the accompanying hand," a Dallas correspondent admits. "I got myself caught in a swindle, but I'll bet that many players would have made the same mistake."

"I opened the king of diamonds from the West hand, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer took the ace of clubs, ruffed a diamond in dummy, discarded the king of hearts on the king of clubs, and then ran all of his trumps."

"When South led his last trump out, I had to hold one card. Which should I save—the queen of diamonds or the ace of hearts?"

"I would have landed on my feet if I had watched my partner's discards carefully, but the truth is that I didn't. I simply had to guess, and I guessed wrong. I discarded the ace of hearts, whereupon declarer produced the jack of hearts to win an extra trick."

"This happened in a duplicate game, where the extra trick had some importance. I realize that a fine player must count all the

NORTH		15
♦ 52	♦ K 10 7 3	
♥ A		
♦ K 9 8 3		
WEST	EAST	
♦ 8 3	♦ 4	
♥ A 9	♥ 9 5 4 2	
♦ K Q J 9	♦ 8 7 5 4 3 2	
♦ J 7 5 4 2	♦ Q 10	
SOUTH (D)		
♦ A K Q J 10 9 7 6		
♦ 10 9		
♦ 8		
North-South vul.		
South	West	North
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♠	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ K		

keep confidences is of the utmost importance. Your judgment is exercised if you have a natural gift which makes you a very pleasant person to have around. You are not lacking in your humour, but jolly and gay, and the kind of sort of trouble which you can never laugh off trouble—which disappears.

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European Countries All Want A Match With England's Soccer Team

By GEORGE CHANDLER

London, Feb. 9. The major attraction for soccer fans in both the European and South American continents is the English team and harassed officials were today still busy politely rejecting attractive offers.

For the past month the Football Association has been preparing for what some officials term England's "biggest soccer adventure," namely a close season tour of the Argentine, Chile and Uruguay scheduled for next May.

Since the announcement of this tour, Europe's top soccer nations have virtually lined up in front of the big white building at 22 Lancaster Gate, the headquarters of the Football Association, which overlooks London's famous Hyde Park.

First in the queue were the Olympic Champs, Hungary, who are keen to prove their right to the title of Europe's No. 1 soccer nation—either amateur or professional.

Closely on their heels came officials from Germany and Spain and, although excellent financial inducements were offered, English officials politely but firmly pointed out that the international programme for the England team was more than full for the season.

ITALIANS UNDETERRED

The Italian Football Association, however, refuses to be deterred by this attitude and is dangling the bait of a nice juicy slice of a £75,000 gate, which would be a European record before the eyes of the English officials.

The Italians want an England team to inaugurate the new 85,000-seating capacity stadium in Rome on April 19, the day after England plays Scotland at Wembley Stadium. And to ensure speedy transportation to Rome, the Italians are willing to have a record-breaking jet-propelled Comet plane rush the Englishmen to Italy immediately after their encounter with Scotland.

Although the offer has not been flatly rejected, it was considered a virtual certainty that the date would not fit in with plans already made for the South American trip.

Luton And Bolton Heavily Backed At FA Cup Callover

London, Feb. 9. Luton Town and Bolton Wanderers, who meet at Luton in the fifth round of the FA Cup next Saturday, were the two best backed teams at the callover at Victoria Club, London, tonight.

Luton was backed to win £14,000, closing 22 to 1, while Bolton was backed to take £10,000 out of the book before closing at 18 to 1.

Prices were:

5 to 1 Arsenal, 13 to 2 Burnley and Blackpool, 7 to 1 Tottenham Hotspur, —Reuter.

Chelsea And West Bromwich Draw Again In Cup Tie Replay

London, Feb. 9. After five and a half hours of grim Cup tie football during which four goals have been scored, Chelsea and West Bromwich Albion have still not decided their fourth round Football Association Cup match.

Two hours' play today, including a half hour's extra time, ended with the teams tied deadlock at one goal each. These were scored within two minutes of each other by West Bromwich wing-half Dudley and Chelsea centre-forward Bentley.

Chelsea's goal had some remarkable escapes, particularly in the first half, but the Londoners played up strongly during extra time without breaking down the strong opposing defence.

The teams will meet again on Arsenal's ground on Wednesday to decide the right to entertain Birmingham in the fifth round.

Nat Loftus, English international centre-forward, scored the only goal for Bolton Wanderers in the second replay against Notts County.—Reuter.

THE RESULTS

Fourth Round second replay results were:

West Bromwich Albion 1, Chelsea 1 (after extra time). The match was played at Villa Park, Birmingham.

Notts Co. 0, Bolton Wanderers 1, (played at Hillsborough, Sheffield).

As a result of today's replays, Bolton Wanderers visit Luton

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CLIVE GRAHAM (THE SCOUT) and PETER O'SULLEVAN turn a joint spotlight on racing

-TAX HIM



SWEEP THE ARENA

(And when the punter welsches—grab him too)

WHAT TO DO to raise some of the black spots in British racing in 1957 Daily Express racing specialists wind up their discussion today with their own sweeping plans.

CLIVE GRAHAM: Tell me, Peter, what is your estimate of the cost of keeping a moderate horse in training

O'SULLIVAN: If the accent is on "moderate," Clive, I feel on an unhappy familiar ground. I would say, including training fees, travelling, entries, jockeys' fees, "plating," veterinary attendance, £700 a year. Less prize money, if any, won.

GRAHAM: There are at least 5,000 horses in training, so the total outgoings for owners are not less than £3,500,000 a year. The cost to the productive side of racing going to the upkeep of stallions, mares, and young stock... adds another £3,000,000.

O'SULLIVAN: Stakes do not amount to more than £800,000, and the most reliable figures suggest that £1,700,000 is the highest that could be expected in any one year from the export of bloodstock.

FOUR MILLION

Racing, therefore, is costing owners and breeders collectively some £4,000,000 each year.

And it is not only the small owners that are being affected. Take a cross-section of three leading owner-breeders last season... Lord Rosebery, Sir Victor Sassoon, and Mr F. W. Dennis. Between them, they were responsible for the keep of more than 100 horses in training, representing a wage-bill of at least £80,000.

The horses owned by these three won in all £22,000 in the stakes list. Deduct percentages for jockey, trainer, and lads, and you will find a

reduction in the "gap" is a little from the starting-price, off-the-course bookmaker.

GRAHAM: Yes, an annual tax, however modest—and I don't see why it should be too small at that—on the thirty to forty thousand S.P. men could make all the difference.

The bookmakers would be wise to establish the machinery for collecting it. They'd have

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It all comes down to whether or not our cricketers should be Taylor-made, or more precisely,

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Dooley than to be hit on the head by one that's dug-in like Keith Miller.

Take your pick, but I'd settle for the former every time.

And so, I assure you, would most of our footballer-cricketers, amateur and professional. Which is the reason they've been sitting back and laughing at the advice given to Freddie Trueman and Brian Close to pack up Soccer.

O'SULLIVAN: They have—

but the men and women I'd

like to see swept off the Turf

whose abuse of the credit

system and the laws governing

the higher the percentage.

GRAHAM: Yes, and it can only be closed by drastic action. It is about time the Government made to appreciate that it cannot go on "milking" money out of racing indefinitely without killing a major industry.

O'SULLIVAN: The Irish

wake up to that recently and

their Turf finances have since

been established on a basis of

increasing prosperity. Surely

it's absurd in this country

where betting is virtually

illegal, for the Chancellor to

settle over £100,000 a year in

tax from the "tote"—a machine

which the Government sponsors

and which is supposed to be

non-profit making?

GRAHAM: It is. But we've

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There is a viewpoint

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O'SULLIVAN: And what a colourless vista it suggests. Whatever we may say and think about the "enemy" at times, I'm sure we agree it wouldn't be half the game without them. The course bookmaker contributes plenty to racing. What we need to

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ON THE RECORD

The Jumping H's

These three girls on the left are the Jumping H's who between them have achieved four official Colony records, three Colony best ever performances (official records only date back to 1951) and three Colony second best ever performances. They are—from the left—Deborah Hurlbatt, Rita Hall and Jennifer Hart.

They haven't even properly started on their record-breaking and have achieved best marks in practice well beyond what they have done in competition. They have now started on the Shot Put as well and the Javelin Throw comes next.

Between them they don't add up to 45 years of age. Deborah and Jennifer, known until Rita's appearance on the scene as the Minor Planets, started out on all this less than 53 weeks ago on January 20, 1952. Rita joined them in March.

It was on January 20 last year that Mr Kwoi Ling-kwong produced two very small and awe-struck girls, without apology, as King George V School's long jumpers. Jennifer was also entered in the 200 Metres as second string to Julia Tingay, the Major Planet and their Colony Champion in that event in a meet at Caroline Hill.

The Minor Planets did nothing sensational. Jennifer ran second to the then peerless Julia in the 200 Metres in a fair 29.3 seconds. She finished fourth in the Long Jump with a modest 13 feet 2 1/4 inches. Deborah, even more modest, came fifth with 12 feet 8 inches. Mr Kwoi was not disappointed.

At the Kowloon-Hongkong meet at Boundary Street on February 17 last year he brought the same two back. His word was taken for it that they were Colony Championship potential.

Nor is the lower school to be denied. James Hitchcock, junior assistant at Coombe Hill, where Hitchcock senior is the greenkeeper and sister Mary keeps the books, offers to play any assistant for £50 and has already been taken up three times.

This is the stuff! For those of us old enough to remember it recalls the golden days. Who can forget the agonies of suspense as Mitchell and Hagen (did Hagen really keep his man waiting on purpose, that foggy morning at St. George's Hill?) battled their way, neck and neck, over 72 holes; or the incredulous wonder as Compston massacred Hagen by 18 and 17?

TOO GREAT A RISK

As one who always preferred the cold and calculating card-and-pencil stuff, I still have a grudging admiration for those who thrive on the cut and thrust of match play against a flesh and blood opponent.

Years ago at Cambridge a friend to whom I could normally give four or five holes a round challenged me to a match of 72 holes. If I won, I was to receive £10. If I lost, I was for ever afterwards to admit, in private and in public, and without reference to the match, that he was the better player.

The result was surely a certainty—and yet... The spirit quaked at the enormity of the stake, and I recurred with suitable shame, that I declined. If it had been a medal I might have won by 20 strokes.

In the days of the great challenge matches at Musselburgh and North Berwick it was the custom to bring along a vociferous clause to rally one's support and, by any

BAFFY SPOON DRAW FOR SUNDAY

The following are the results of the first and second rounds of the Faulning Mixed Foursomes of the Royal Golf Club:

First Round: J.K. Watson and Mrs. D. G. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Cowell 7/0; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Conlon lost to Capt. Green and Mrs. P. M. Morris 4/2.

Second Round: Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Sainsbury lost to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dwyer 7/0; Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Mackie beat A.V. White and Mrs. A. Hayes 0/3; Mr. and Mrs. K.S. Robertson beat J. Linaker and Mrs. S. M. J. McLean 1/0; Mr. and Mrs. H. Moodie beat Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Cieland 1/0; Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Lindemann lost to Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell 1/0; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mackie beat A.V. White and Mrs. C.H. Leung 7/0; Capt. Manthorne and Mrs. Erick lost to Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown; J. Linaker and Mrs. S. M. J. McLean 1/0; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Atkin 1/0; Capt. Green and Mrs. M. M. Morris beat Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Walkinson 4/2; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Walkinson beat Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clague received a w/o from Mr. and Mrs. K.M. Almas; R.S.L. Frowen and Mrs. Mitchell lost to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Low and Mrs. N.E. Astley 1/0; Col. and Mrs. R.M. Brydges beat Mr. and Mrs. P.G. and Mrs. J. L. Leitch 1/0; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown lost to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown 2/1; T.B. Low and Mrs. J. C. Stewart lost to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart 1/0.

Old Course: P.A. Laroche (L. Wilquart) 1/0; V.W. Stoker (R. Leach) 1/0; V.H. Cieland (T.S.M. Terence) 1/0; V.N.R. Arthy (T.A. Pearce) 1/0; V.R.G. Cradock (R. Leach) 1/0; V.K.A. Miller (B. Gordon) 1/0; V.A. Ho (T.H. N. Mitchell) 1/0; V.W.G. Robertson (B. Mitchell) 1/0; V.W. Stoker (R. Leach) 1/0; V.D. Wilson (J.K. Watson) 1/0; V.P.N. Dowale (A.B. Coleman) 1/0; T.B. Low (L.D. Kilburn) 1/0; S.M. Gartrell (J. D. Leach) 1/0; R.D. Bell (J.Z. MacIntyre) 1/0.

McDonald Bailey To Run Against Mechanical Hare

London, Feb. 9. The British Sprint Chariot, McDonald Bailey, will test his speed against mechanical hare used in greyhound racing at the White City Stadium this week.

Bailey today described the proposed "race" as an experiment and not a stunt.

He added: "The speed of the hare is being regulated, and I should have no difficulty in keeping up with it on the straight. But it is on the bends, however, that I shall have to pull out my speed, because the turn will be going faster."

"I think this idea may be of great benefit to sprinters."

Squash Postponed

The HKCC versus the Rest aquash match which was to have been played at Victoria Barracks last night has been postponed until Tuesday, February 17, at 5 p.m.



New Long Jump record-holder Rita Hall ducks forward for the downward flight in a 15 feet 9 inches leap at Caroline Hill on Sunday.

First reaction of Mr Raleigh Leung, SCAA coach, to the photograph was "she can jump two feet more."

The reason: The photograph shows quite clearly that Rita is ducking too early in flight. The duck is a necessity that has to be delayed. But no duck—and the long jumper falls backwards.

Rita at the top of her flight is about 3 feet 4 inches up. The famed Jesse Owens used to go up to 5 feet at top of flight.—China Mail Photo.

Teal Installed As Favourite For The Grand National

London, Feb. 9.

Mr Harry Lane's Teal, last year's Grand National winner, was installed favourite for this year's event at the first official callover held on the "Spring Double"—the Grand National and Lincolnshire Handicap—at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Teal, having his first race since his National triumph, was a most impressive runner-up in the Great Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster on Saturday.

He led practically all the way in this three-mile event, being out-paced in the running by the Irish horse, Knock Hard, who has been scratch from the National.

This performance probably influenced backers to make him a 9 to 1 favourite tonight. Legal Joy, runner-up at Aintree last year, is co-second favourite with Mr Clifford Nicholson's Witty, a recent "National" trial winner, and the Irish horse, Lucky Dome, winner of the

Leopardstown chase in Eire on Saturday.

Three horses, Langton Brig, Fastnet Rock and Dark Mile, horses, were named 100 to 6 co-favourites for the flat race from the National.

PRICES ON OFFER

Prices on offer at the close of the session were:

Lincolnshire Handicap (5 miles, Lincoln, March 23) 100 to 6 Langton Brig, Fastnet Rock and Dark Mile, 100 to 1 Garrison Hack, Cockfosters, Stranger, La Princesse, Kara Kops, Kelbeck, Mansfield and Carterlaverock.

25 to 1 Chivalry, Aristophanes, Capsize, Silver Span, Point Coronation and Fleeting Moment, 33 to 1 Cock of the North, Snelling Light and Signal Box, Grand National Steeplechase (4 miles 886 yards, Aintree, March 29).

9 to 1 Teal, 100 to 6 Whilly, Legal Joy and Lucky Dome, 21 to 1 Royal Tan and Whispering Steel.

25 to 1 Mont Tremblant, Stormhead, Cardinal Error, Early Mist, Flanagan Mac, Ballymagillan and Head Crest, 33 to 1 Shock Tactics, No Sun and Glen Fire—Reuter.

RECORDS APPROVED

Six records set at the Hongkong v. Kowloon meet at Caroline Hill on Sunday were accepted by the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. R. Leung, assisted by Mr. F. J. Tingay, Hon. Secretary.

The records were Long Jump (Men's) 21 ft 11 1/4 in.; Long Jump (Women's) 15 ft 10 1/4 in.; 200 Metres (Women's) 28.1 sec.; 100 Metres (Women's) 13.3 sec.; High Jump (Women's) 4 ft 8 1/2 in.; and Javelin (Women's) 21 ft 2 in.

The meeting decided that entries for the Quadrangular Meet to be held on February 22 at Boundary Street must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Saturday. The four teams competing will be Army (with Milicarians), South China Athletic Association, Royal Air Force and Combined HKAC, HKU and RN.

There will be an invitation race for girls for the 100 Yards, and the meeting decided to invite six competitors for this event.

Mrs. Long, wife of Major Long, Army representative, will present the Shield and other trophies.

They have no competition left locally except Lam Kak-lan and Fok Wing-shuang of the South China Athletic Association in the sprints. It would not be incorrect to say that they have frightened everyone else out.

And yet, 55 weeks ago no one had ever heard of Jennifer Hart, Deborah Hurlbatt or Rita Hall as potential Champions or record-breakers.

Badminton Result

HCU lost to Club de Recreio by 4-0 in a Men's A Doubles League Badminton Match yesterday.

Arthy (T.H.C.) lost to G.M. Rosario 2-1; H.T. Soo (HCU) beat G.M. Rosario 2-1; Soo (HCU) lost to Soo (HCU) 2-1; Soo (HCU) beat A.J. Souza 2-1.

W.Y. Yung and H.T. Hui (HCU) beat G.M. Rosario and Soo 2-1; Soo (HCU) beat G.M. Rosario 2-1; Soo (HCU) beat G.M. Rosario 2-1; Soo (HCU) beat G.M. Rosario 2-1.

Joe Gallopy of Villanova was last in the four-man field—Associated Press.

Bassett Beats Ray Famechon On TKO

Paris, Feb. 9.

Percy Bassett of America became the interim Feather-weight Boxing Champion of the world tonight when he defeated Ray Famechon of France, who failed to answer the gong for the start of the fourth round. Famechon had taken a count of nine in the third round and was only saved from a knock-out by the bell.

Disaster struck Famechon in the third round when, after a shaky start against an aggressive opponent, he was caught on the point of the jaw by a real haymaking left from Bassett only 15 seconds before the end of the round.

A vicious right follow-up put paid to the European Champion's hopes of a world title. Under a veritable hail of one-two punches, he crumpled and fell sprawling with glazed eyes on the canvas. The referee had reached nine before the gong saved Famechon.

When the bell rang for the start of the fourth round, Famechon was unable to start and Bassett was declared the winner.

ALL BASSETT

It was all Bassett right from the start of the fight. His devastating speed soon had Famechon floundering desperately with left the American's piston-like punching to the body and head.

Two of Famechon's deadly rights simply bounced off Bassett with no apparent effect.

In the third round, Famechon tried to take charge of the fight and drove Bassett into a corner. But the American replied with a barrage of punches that marked the turning point of the bout. Famechon had to back away and, as he did so, he was flattened on the canvas.

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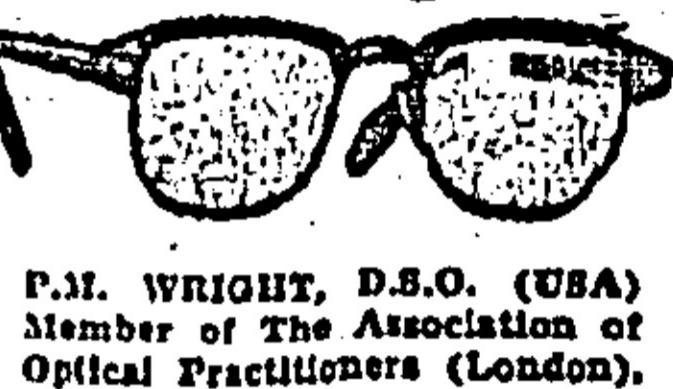
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Freak Twin Segment In Man's Spine

Lima, Ohio, Feb. 9. The removal of a partially-developed Siamese twin from a 61-year-old man was revealed here today.

The Lima News, in a copy-righted story, quoted a doctor as saying that a sac containing the freak was removed from the spinal canal of Clifford Stanyer on January 31.

Stanyer is recovering and is expected home within a few days from the hospital where the operation was performed.

Doctors were quoted as saying the case was not unique. The doctor said the most unusual part of the case was the twin's location. A surgeon described the twin as a "teratome" or included twin.

He said it was in a sac about 5 1/2 inches long and 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

"It definitely was part of a Siamese twin process," said the surgeon, "but only a small segment."

Existence of the twin was not discovered until nine days ago. Stanyer said, however, that he had suffered intense pain during the past two years.

His doctor said his pains were caused by the growth, which choked vital nerves leading from the spinal cord. His local physician recommended that he go for an examination by a neuro-surgeon, who discovered the growth and performed the operation. — United Press.

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Tough winter training in snow-covered fields and snow-covered mountain areas is now in full swing for the United States Army in West Germany.

By all accounts, this year's winter training is the most extensive yet attempted by the United States Army here.

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	Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Feb. 14	Feb. 25	Yokohama & Kobe
"MEINAM"	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Japan
			Homeward For
"TREST"	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	N. Africa & Europe
"TTRY HILL"	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Indonesia via Manila
"COUSSEULLES"	Apr. 8	Apr. 9	N. Africa & Europe
"MEINAM"	Apr. 13	Apr. 13	N. Africa & Europe

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British Govt's Sharp Losses In Cotton Slump

London, Feb. 9.
Sir Ralph Lacey, 52-year-old head of Britain's Raw Cotton Commission, will soon report on how his Government bulk-buying concern scraped through last year's slump in cotton.

In Liverpool they say it will be a startling tale. Local guessing is that he may show losses of £15,000,000 to £20,000,000.

This is no reflection, of course, on the abilities of Sir Ralph. For with raw cotton tumbling, these are losses that would have to be faced by someone.

In the old days, when Liverpool was the great centre of free enterprise trading in cotton, speculators the world over have taken most of them.

It was their job to run risks. And if they were wrong it was just too bad.

BIG RESERVES
Last year—and every year since bulk-buying started—there has only been Sir Ralph's "firm" here to take such chances.

When prices were booming everything was fine. It made big profits.

But as soon as a slump comes along—a mighty crack, if the guessers are right.

To mop up the losses now expected, the Commission has reserves of £30,000,000. But after doing so, little may be left over to cushion further knock.

Luckily, there is a rush of enthusiasm among cotton spinners to do their own buying under new "freedom" rules.

MORE CHEAPLY
Four months ago, when they first got a chance to cut loose from bulk-buying, few did so.

Now many more want to follow when the next opportunity comes round. They have seen how much more cheaply they can buy that way.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 9.
The tin market was steady today. Turnover was 85 tons including 25 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin buyer..... 978

Spot tin seller..... 980

Three-months tin buyer..... 945

Three-months tin seller..... 947

Business done at..... 945-947

Bettirement..... 947-947

United Press.

New York, Feb. 9.

Security and commodity markets throughout the United States will be closed on Lincoln's Birthday—Thursday, February 12.—Associated Press.

Profits Frittered Away

Geneva, Feb. 9.
Mr. R. S. Vasavada, Indian workers' delegate to the International Labour Organisation's Textile Committee, told today's meeting that Indian employers had "frittered away" wartime profits.

"During the war," he declared, "the industry had seen an unprecedented period of prosperity. The government warned the industry not to fritter away its funds and to save for better days."

"The warning was given seriously, but was not acted upon and funds were frittered away. Now we are told that the industry faces a crisis!"—Reuter.

Steel

Demand Near Balance

Cleveland, Feb. 9.
Some sellers of premium-priced steel plates are having to look for customers, indicating further movement toward supply and demand balance. Steel magazine said today.

Pointing out that dealers in high-priced steel always are the first to feel a decline in demand, the magazine added:

"While freight car builders are retching pressure for steel plates they are shunning conversion material. They want plates, but they don't feel the situation warrants paying the high prices of conversion steel." Galvanised sheets, extremely tight just a few months ago, also are being ordered with less zeal, the weekly report said.

The domestic supply-demand picture improved. Steel said, as additional foreign iron and steel is being offered for sale in this country.

"Growth of steel shipments from Japan has forced European steel almost off the West coast market for galvanised sheets, black plate and plates," the magazine continued. "There is belief the rebuilt Japanese steel industry will mean more competition for West Coast steel producers."

Dutch foundry steel also was reported to be available on the East coast at prices not much above domestic ones.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, Feb. 9.
Stocks recovered sharply after heavy early losses. The final losses were generally small. The declines totalled \$1,780,000.

Of 1,177 shares traded, 312 advanced, 563 declined and 280 unchanged. The analysis attributed the action as largely technical and as further test of the lows. There was nothing in the news to affect the situation. Rates were lower.

On the New York Stock Exchange, the Dow Jones average at the end of the session stood as follows:

30 industrials	281.10
20 rails	107.20
15 utilities	52.25
40 bonds	98.18

United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 9.

Chicago Grain Futures

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Wheat futures prices slumped today to the lowest point since the start of the Korean War.

Experts said: "It is just because there is too much wheat in the world." Wheat prices at the Chicago Board of Trade slumped 7½ cents to \$2.17¾ cents per bushel. Grain experts predicted that the Government will take over the record high amount of grain under its loan programme as farmers try to avoid the low market prices.

Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	2.18½
Spot	2.18½-2.17¾
March	2.18½-2.17¾
May	2.18½-2.17¾
July	2.18½-2.17¾
September	2.18½-2.17¾
December	2.18½

Corn

Spot	1.52½
May	1.52½-1.51
July	1.52½-1.51
September	1.52½-1.51
December	1.52½

United Press.

New York, Feb. 9.

Rubber Futures

New York, Feb. 9.

Prices of rubber futures closed today 40 to 49 points lower with sales totalling 57 contracts.

Traders were quiet and featureless. Prices closed today as follows:

March	27.11
May	29.55
July	29.15 bid
September	29.15 nominal
December	29.40 nominal
March	29.40 nominal

United Press.

New York, Feb. 9.

NY Cotton Futures

New York, Feb. 9.

The rubber market was easier today. Prices closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	22½-23
March	22½-23
April	22½-23
May	22½-23
June	22½-23
July	22½-23
September	22½-23
December	22½-23

United Press.

New York, Feb. 9.

Rubber For China

New York, Feb. 9.

The 4,710-ton Polish freighter General Waller was today loading 1,700 tons of sheet rubber destined for Communist China under Ceylon's five-year trade agreement to sell China 60,000 tons of rubber a year.

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Japan's Longest And Wildest Share Boom: Exchange Calls Holiday

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The booming Japanese stock market decided to take an unprecedented holiday today because, the Securities Exchange Commission said yesterday, all hands are exhausted.

The Exchange said many workers in the Tokyo and Osaka markets are worn out from handling "too much business" in Japan's longest and wildest stock boom in history.

Several securities companies have been giving workers vitamin-enriched meals and vitamin injections, plus daily bonuses to keep on handling the terrific volume.

The market has been booming for the last 13 months, shattering records almost daily in the past month.

In the past 70 years, the market has been suspended only rarely—for a declaration of war or a great earthquake.

The average of 225 issues on the Tokyo Exchange advanced from 107 Yen to 302 Yen last year. And in the last month, the average rose to 471 Yen.

Most Japanese stock issues have a par value of 50 Yen.

The rise has been nearly universal. Not a few issues

rose several hundred per cent in a year. Nippon Cement, for instance, rose from 50 to 430, and Mouraga Confectionary 84 to 365. Only shipping and textiles, which have been hard hit by recession, have stayed quiet.

"INCREDIBLE!"

Still wilder are a few hundred other issues traded on the Curb. Showa Aircraft was quoted at 100 Yen in January, 1952, when its factories were idle. With resumption of its activities, the issue went up like a jet. Now you must pay nearly 20,000 Yen to buy it on the Curb.

Within two years ago, there was a million-share day that does not excite anybody. On February 3, 22,000,000 shares were traded in the Tokyo Exchange in a half day session.

"Incredible," is the unanimous word murmured by all stock market veterans in Kobutocho, Japan's Wall Street, in commenting on the boom.

Only the stock market has boomed, while exports dwindled, the windfall Korean war orders slackened and practically all commodities markets have floundered.

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